(b) determining a highlight path traversed by the stylus on the display screen and defined by the highlight nib, the highlight path defining a highlight stroke with a surrounding bounding box;

(c) displaying the highlight stroke in a highlight ink image which has a greater width than the normal ink image;

(d) selecting one or more of the items displayed on the screen based upon, at least in part, the identity of those items which have had their bounding boxes intersected by the bounding box of the highlight stroke; and

(e) highlighting the items selected on the display screen.

2. The method of claim **1** further comprising a step of producing an audible signal confirming that a highlight nib has been formed.

3. The method of claim **2** wherein the audible signal is a beep.

4. The method of claim **1** wherein the step of generating a highlight nib occurs when the stylus is held stationary for at least about 0.25 seconds.

5. The method claim **1** further comprising a step of removing the displayed highlight ink when the items selected on the display screen are highlighted in step e.

6. The method of claim **1** wherein the step of selecting one or more items involves selecting displayed items from the group consisting of text objects, graphical objects, and combinations thereof.

7. The method of claim **1** wherein the step of selecting one or more items involves selecting a single object which has had its bounding box intersected by the bounding box of the stroke.

8. The method of claim **1** wherein the step of selecting one or more items involves selecting one or more lines of text when the stroke is drawn perpendicular to and through the selected lines of text.

9. The method of claim **1** wherein the step of selecting one or more items involves selecting those items which have been surrounded by a substantially circular stroke.

10. The method of claim **1** wherein the step of selecting one or more items involves selecting those items whose bounding boxes are substantially overlapped by the bounding box of a substantially circular stroke.

11. The method of claim **1** wherein the step of selecting one or more items involves selecting a portion of an item when the bounding box of a substantially circular stroke does not substantially overlap the bounding box of the item, but does overlap the bounding box of the portion of the item.

12. The method of claim **1** wherein the step of generating a highlight nib generates a nib having a number of activated pixels that is greater than a number of activated pixels associated with the normal nib.

13. A stylus-based computer system comprising:

a cpu;

a memory;

a display screen sensitive to the position of a stylus and communicating with the cpu such that a normal nib of activated pixels is displayed at a location where the stylus contacts the display screen, the normal nib having a normal width, and a highlight nib having a larger number of activated pixels than the normal nib is automatically displayed when the stylus is held stationary on the display screen for a predetermined period, the highlight nib having a highlight width which is wider than the normal width, wherein when the highlight nib is displayed, any items displayed on the display screen which are contacted by the highlight nib are selected.

14. The stylus-based computer of claim **13** further comprising means for generating an audible signal when a highlight nib has been formed.

15. The stylus-based computer of claims **13** further comprising means for generating bounding boxes surrounding items displayed on the display screen, wherein when a bounding box is contacted by the highlight nib, an item surrounded by said bounding box is selected.

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